

WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today announced that the Harpersville Fire Department in Shelby County has been awarded a federal fire grant in the amount of \$96,900.

“Firefighters are on the front lines every day, protecting lives and saving property. They deserve modern equipment and the best in safety gear. This grant program helps ensure that fire companies have the necessary resources to quickly and effectively respond to emergency calls. The Harpersville Fire Department is to be commended for qualifying for this grant,” Bachus said.

Bachus announced the following grant.

Harpersville Fire Department – \$96,900

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Operations and Safety Grant for the purchase of personal

protective gear and air packs, including 15 new air packs and 12 sets of turnout gear

Chief Wade Holley said, “We are extremely pleased to receive this grant and would like to thank Congressman Bachus for his support of this program. This grant program is very helpful to the departments and I hope it continues to get full funding. There is no telling how many people’s and firefighters’ lives these grants have saved.”

Funds awarded under the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) program are used to meet the firefighting and emergency needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated medical services organizations. Only the applications most closely conforming to program priorities are considered and scored by peer review panels.

The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.